



HB 2106: Transforming Child Welfare Services

The 2009 legislature passed 2SHB 2106, that requires the Children's Administration to change the way services to support children and families are contracted. The bill outlines two phases to this transformation. The first phase is labeled Performance-Based Contracting; the second phase involves Demonstration Sites to evaluate the impact of contracting for case management services. Some aspects of the two efforts are the same but key elements are different.

The similarities and differences are outlined below:

Common Elements of Phase I and II

- The children and families served
- The outcomes desired for children and families
- Contracts based on performance
- Reduction in the number of CA contracts for client services

Differences between Phase I and II

Phase I (Performance-Based Contracting)	Phase II (Demonstration Sites)
Geographic scope	
Statewide	Two sites: one westside; one eastside
Schedule	
Contracts converted by January 1, 2011	Sites implemented by July 1, 2012
Case management	
Children's Administration staff continue case management responsibilities	Identified supervising agencies perform case management in child welfare cases
Decision-making about design and implementation	
2SHB 2106 directs the department to convert contracts to a performance-basis.	2SHB 2106 establishes the Transformation Design Committee to develop a transition plan with recommendations for the provision of child welfare services by supervising agencies in the Demonstration Sites.